

1 AN ACT relating to the Kentucky statewide health data utility.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. The staff of the Legislative Research Commission is directed to  
4 conduct a study on the development of a Kentucky statewide health data utility. The  
5 study shall analyze and provide:

6 (1) Policy options for establishing a Kentucky statewide health data utility that:

7 (a) Is the sole statewide network for the sharing and exchange of health  
8 information;

9 (b) Aggregates health information received from participants; and

10 (c) Provides access, in a form and manner that ensures the privacy and security of  
11 personal health information as required under federal and state law, to health information  
12 in the statewide health data utility to authorized recipients for the purposes of:

13 1. Collecting and analyzing data to inform the authorized recipients as to health  
14 care access, utilization, cost, safety, and quality in Kentucky;

15 2. Enabling health care professionals and health facilities to evaluate and  
16 monitor care and treatment of patients; and

17 3. Enabling patients to access, through a technology enabled interface, the  
18 patient's electronic longitudinal health record;

19 (2) Strategies for the direction and governance of the statewide health data utility  
20 by and through the Legislative Research Commission; and

21 (3) Strategies for development of the statewide health data utility in a timely,  
22 efficient, secure, sustainable, and cost-effective manner.

23 ➔Section 2. In carrying out the duties in Section 1 of this Act, the Legislative  
24 Research Commission may:

25 (1) Consult with officials and other entities in this state and other states to study  
26 how they are engaging in the development, implementation, and operation of health data  
27 utilities and collection efforts;

1           (2) Retain a consultant or other vendor; and

2           (3) Convene a working group to inform and make recommendations to  
3 Commission staff.

4           ➔Section 3. A written report of staff findings, policy options, and strategies shall  
5 be submitted to the Legislative Research Commission for referral to the Interim Joint  
6 Committee on Health Services by December 1, 2026.

7           ➔Section 4. Provisions of this Act to the contrary notwithstanding, the  
8 Legislative Research Commission shall have the authority to alternatively assign the  
9 issues identified herein to an interim joint committee or subcommittee thereof, and to  
10 designate a study completion date.

11           ➔Section 5. Sections 1 to 4 of this Act shall have the same legal status as a House  
12 Concurrent Resolution.